

transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of the fact that the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007 is now available; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3976. A communication from the Chairman, International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3977. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Retention Incentives" (RIN3206-AL41) received on November 15, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3978. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems: Abolishment of Rock Island, Illinois, as a Non-appropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Area" (RIN3206-AL44) received on November 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3979. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems: Definition of the Municipality of Bayamon, PR, to a Nonappropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Area" (RIN3206-AL43) received on November 13, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3980. A communication from the Senior Associate General Counsel, National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of an acting officer for the position of Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, received on November 13, 2007; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-3981. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Attorney General, received on November 13, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3982. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy for the position of Secretary, received on November 13, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-256. A resolution adopted by the Macomb County Board of Commissioners of the State of Michigan urging Congress to support H.R. 2927 which addresses increases in fuel economy; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 274. A bill to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in

nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-232).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2248. An original bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. AKAKA for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

*Michael W. Hager, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Human Resources and Management).

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. BURR):

S. 2376. A bill to establish a demonstration project to provide for patient-centered medical homes to improve the effectiveness and efficiency in providing medical assistance under the Medicaid program and child health assistance under the State Children's Health Insurance Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 2377. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the quality of care provided to veterans in Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities, to encourage highly qualified doctors to serve in hard-to-fill positions in such medical facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ROBERTS:

S. 2378. A bill to authorize the voluntary purchase of certain properties in Treece, Kansas, endangered by the Cherokee County National Priorities List Site, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2379. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Interior to cancel certain grazing leases on land in Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument that are voluntarily waived by the lessees, to provide for the exchange of certain Monument land in exchange for private land, to designate certain Monument land as wilderness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 2380. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modernize the application of the subpart F rules to computer software, to expand the subpart F de minimis rule, and to extend certain expiring provisions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 2381. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend and improve protections for sole community hospitals under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. 2382. A bill to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to quickly and fairly address the abundance of surplus manufactured housing units set red by the Federal Government around the country at taxpayer expense; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 2383. A bill to require a pilot program on the mobile provision of care and services for veterans in rural areas by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 2384. A bill to authorize the Chief of Engineers to conduct a feasibility study relating to the construction of a multipurpose project in the Fountain Creek watershed located in the State of Colorado; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 2385. A bill to provide Federal Perkins Loan cancellation to fire fighters; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2386. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, to authorize temporary mortgage and rental payments; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2387. A bill to establish guidelines and incentives for States to establish arsonist registries and to require the Attorney General to establish a national arsonist registry and notification program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2388. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, to increase the maximum amount of assistance to individuals and households; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 2389. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the alternative minimum tax credit amount for individuals with long-term unused credits for prior year minimum tax liability, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 2390. A bill to promote fire-safe communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. REED:

S. 2391. A bill to provide for affordable housing relief, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. OBAMA:

S. 2392. A bill to direct the Secretary of Education to establish and maintain a public website through which individuals may find a complete database of available scholarships, fellowships, and other programs of financial assistance in the study of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 2393. A bill to close the loophole that allowed the 9/11 hijackers to obtain credit